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**One of the Biggest Spring Soccer Tournaments in New Jersey to
be Hosted by Scotch Plains Fanwood Soccer Club**
3rd Annual Union County Spring Kick-Off Tournament Starts March 11

The Scotch Plains Fanwood Soccer Club (SPFSC) will be hosting the 3rd Annual Union County Spring Kick-Off Tournament Friday, March 11 to Sunday, March 13, 2022. This is one of the biggest spring tournaments in New Jersey with 157 participating teams resulting in over 300 matches.

“It is a great opportunity for all players to kick off the spring season with a weekend of outdoor, competitive and developmentally appropriate play,” says Matt Rosenthal, President of SPFSC. “We are looking forward to hosting all of the participating clubs as well as bringing business to our local towns who have had a hard two years due to COVID-19 restrictions.”

“As a club, we are very proud of the relationships that we have, not just with the local clubs, but with clubs all across the state,” says Andy Pearce, Director of Coaching for SPFSC. “To have the opportunity to bring so many teams together to kick off the spring season is something that we truly appreciate.”

Matches will feature boys and girls age groups U9 through U18 with a four-game guarantee for the 7v7 and 9v9 brackets. An all-tournament team will be announced for each age group.

Opening Ceremonies commence on Friday, March 11 at 5:30 pm at Southside Field, 1910 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. Fanwood Mayor Mahr and Scotch Plains Mayor Losardo are expected to attend and make remarks. In addition, community first responders will be recognized and honored for their service. One of SPFSC’s players will perform the national anthem, and two matches will follow including SPF Rapinoe U14 Girls in the opening game vs Summit SC Sparks.

“We’re excited to kick off this tournament in style this year, with a great opening ceremony and a SPFSC team involved,” said Manny Rosa, SPFSC VP of Travel. “With no restrictions on attendance, we hope to see as many people as possible at the Opening Ceremony, and at the other games throughout the weekend. This tournament would not be possible without the tireless work of our many volunteers.”

Participating Clubs include:

Berkeley Heights Youth Soccer	Scotch Plains Fanwood Soccer Club
Bridgewater Soccer Club	SFL Club
Clark Soccer Club	STA Morris United
Cranford Soccer Club	Stateline Soccer Club
FC Berna	Steel United
FC Berna Legacy	The Football Academy NJ
Glen Rock Soccer Club	Union County Football Club
Kearny Thistle United	Union Soccer Club
Morris Elite Soccer Club	U.S. Parma Soccer Club
New Jersey Rush Soccer Club	Valencia Soccer Academy
New Providence Soccer Club	Westfield Soccer Association
Old Bridge Girls Soccer League	West Morris Soccer Club
Old Bridge Soccer League	World Class Roxbury
Parsippany Soccer Club	Wyckoff Torpedoes Soccer Club
PSA Princeton	

Games will take place only on turf fields throughout Scotch Plains, Fanwood, and surrounding areas, including fields at Southside Ballfield, Wardlaw + Hartridge School, Ponderosa Park, Oak Ridge Park and more.

For more details visit <https://www.spfsoccer.com/spf-tournament-2022/>.

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